

# SUPPORTING SENIORS

## Extending retirement tax relief for seniors:

I co-sponsored a successful initiative to further expand Connecticut's tax exemptions on pensions, annuities, and IRAs. Now, single seniors making \$100,000 and joint filing seniors making \$150,000 can qualify for tax-exempt pensions, annuities, and IRAs.



Dear Neighbor,

In my first legislative session, I focused on carrying out our district's priorities, which you shared with me all throughout the 2022 campaign. In this newsletter, I'll share with you some highlights of my last seven months of work as your voice and representative.

From day one, I went to work for you. I learned the complex legislative process, built bipartisan relationships, and passed meaningful legislation that advances our district's goals. I supported the largest state income tax cut in our state's history. I took principled stances against my own party on legislation that might produce burdensome municipal mandates, stifle our police departments, and undermine certain rights. I helped secure millions of dollars in state funding for our schools and municipalities.

I'm proud of the work we accomplished this session, and more lies ahead. We must invest more in our nonprofits. We must reduce neighborhood crime and build safer streets. We must increase jobs, businesses, and commercial growth across Connecticut. We can do this together. As always, please contact me with any questions or feedback on issues important to you.

I'm honored to be your independent voice in Hartford.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan D. Fazzino".

# NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE JACK FAZZINO



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# CAPITOL UPDATE 2023

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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE JACK FAZZINO

## CAPITOL UPDATE 2023



### BIG WINS FOR DISTRICT 83

- Largest tax cuts in CT history.
- Reducing cost of living for seniors and retirees.
- Increasing support and funding for our public school students.
- Advocating for fiscal discipline and balanced budgets.
- Expanding reproductive healthcare for CT women.
- Promoting election access through Early Voting.
- Investing in our workforce and vocational training.

### OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES **LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY**

- ✓ **\$600 million middle class tax cut**
- ✓ Increased **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✓ Expanded cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

### INVESTS:

- ✓ More funding for K-12 education
- ✓ More funding for higher education
- ✓ More funding for nonprofits
- ✓ More funding for childcare
- ✓ **MORE FUNDING FOR BERLIN, MERIDEN, AND CHESHIRE**



## MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING BERLIN, MERIDEN, AND CHESHIRE

### BRINGING MONEY BACK TO BERLIN, MERIDEN, AND CHESHIRE

- \$256,000.00 to be awarded to Berlin to fund municipal capital projects including: new roof for the Berlin Senior Center, facility improvements to the South Kensington Fire Department, a new cruiser for the Berlin Police Department, renovations to the McGee Middle School band room, and historic preservation projects for the Worthington Meeting House.
- I supported an increased investment of \$240 million in our public schools. In our district, Meriden, Berlin, and Cheshire will see an increase in state education funding to support our students and school faculty.

### LEGISLATIVE WINS

**Public Health:** Worked with the Department of Public Health to pass legislation opening the first source plasma donation center in CT.

**Small Businesses:** As Vice Chair of Commerce, I introduced legislation that successfully reduced reporting requirements and administrative burdens on small businesses.

**Housing:** Relying on my legal background, I worked with the Housing Committee to clarify and streamline the Common Ownership Interest Act.

### A MORE AFFORDABLE CONNECTICUT

- **Real middle-class tax cuts:** I voted to cut the income tax rates for our broadest tax base, the middle class. This income tax cut will impact a wide range of filers, extending all the way up to individual filers making \$150,000 and couples earning \$300,000.
- **Relief for working families:** This session, I supported increases to the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families by providing an additional \$44.6 million in state tax credits to an estimated 211,000 of eligible filers.

### HOLDING THE LINE ON FISCAL DISCIPLINE

- **Responsible Spending:** This session, I voted to extend the bipartisan Spending Cap to encourage a Connecticut that doesn't spend more than it can afford.
- **Responsible Saving:** I voted to sock away an additional \$3.3 billion deposit into our state Rainy Day Fund. This choice may allow our state to continue providing meaningful services without cutting funding in the event of a financial crisis.
- **Responsible Pension Payment:** I voted to pre-pay an additional \$2.072 billion toward Connecticut's unfunded future pension liabilities.